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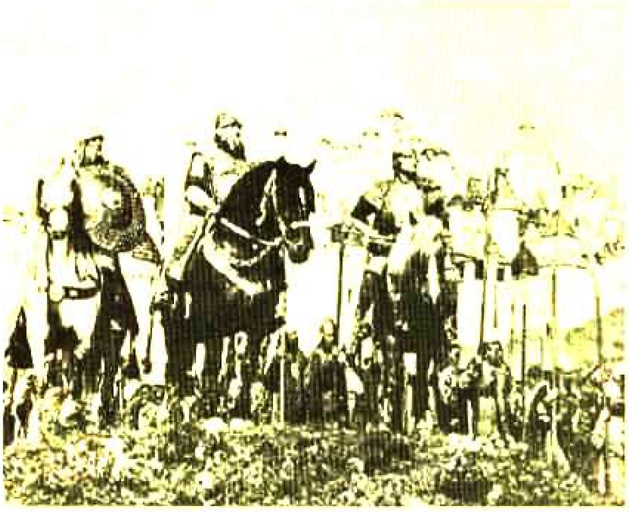
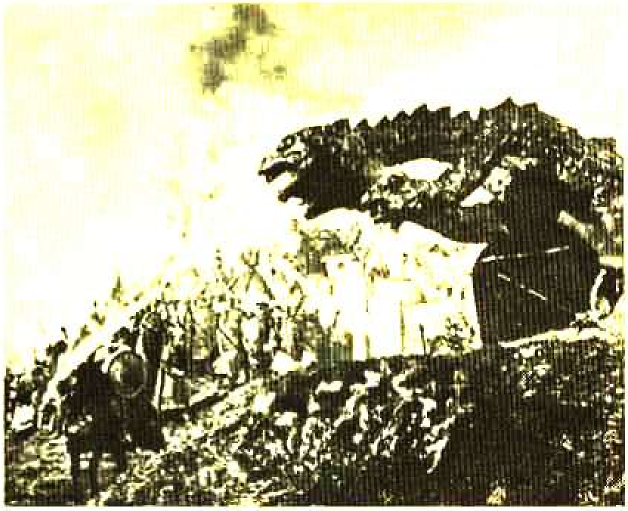


... The mighty Ilya goes forth on a perilous mission...

... To pit his strength against the ruthless Chief Kalin!

But between Ilya and victory stood the savage Tugar hordes . . .



. . . And the fearsome *Zuma,* the dragon with breath of fire!

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IN THE VILLAGE OF GOLDONIA, THERE WERE MANY WHO HAD SUFFERED AT THE TUGARS' HANDS...
HEAVEN PITY OUR POOR SON ILYA! HE HAS THE BODY OF A WARRIOR--BUT HIS LEGS ARE OF STONE!
HIS LEGS HAVE BEEN USELESS SINCE HE WAS WOUNDED FIGHTING THE TUGARS!
NOW ALL HE CAN DO IS MOURN HIS LOST STRENGTH AND SIT THERE WATCHING HIS BELOVED VILIA!
SUDDENLY, THE DREAD WARNING...
THE TUGARS! THE TUGARS ARE COMING! RUN! RUN!
THOUGH VILIA TRIES TO DEFEND HERSELF, IT IS HOPELESS...
AH! HERE IS A PRETTY ONE! SHE WILL MAKE A FINE GIFT FOR OUR CHIEF KALIN!
SARTAK! THERE IS WORD OF A CARAVAN--PRINCE VANDA'S TAX COLLECTOR HEADING FOR THE ROYAL CITY!
THAT CARAVAN WILL BE LOADED WITH GOLD AND TRIBUTE! AFTER THEM!
AND AS THE TUGAR RAIDERS RACE AWAY...
AND HERE I SIT WITH MY USELESS BODY WHILE THOSE MURDERING DOGS CARRY OFF MY BELOVED VILIA!

THE TUGARS MAKE SHORT WORK OF THE CARAVAN...
SARTAK'S HORSE-HAIR ROPE CAPTURES THE LEADER OF THE CARAVAN...
SPARE ME, SIRE! TAKE ANYTHING YOU WANT IN THE CARA-VAN! HERE--ACCEPT THIS SILKEN CLOAK!
YOUR RAGS MEAN NOTHING TO ME, MY BLUBBERING FRIEND!
LISTEN! I AM THE KING'S TAX COLLECTOR! GIVE ME MY LIFE AND I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU WISH! ANYTHING!
ANYTHING I WISH, EH? LISTEN WELL, SON OF MISERY!
YOU WILL RETURN TO YOUR MASTER, PRINCE VANDA! BUT YOU WILL ACT AS SPY FOR US! IF THE PRINCE SENDS HIS SOLDIERS OUT OF THE CITY, YOU WILL SEND A SIGNAL TO OUR CHIEF KALIN!
THIS SILKEN CLOAK WILL BE THE SIGN! FLOAT IT DOWN-RIVER IN A CASK! I SHALL BE WAITING FOR YOUR SIGNAL!
DO NOT FEAR, SARTAK! I WILL SERVE YOU WELL!
IF YOU FAIL US, MISERABLE ONE, WE WILL SEEK YOU OUT! AND YOU WILL DIE LIKE A DOG!
I WILL NOT FAIL, SARTAK!

YES, THIS WAS A TIME OF EVIL MEN. BUT IT WAS A TIME OF GIANTS, TOO--MIGHTY WARRIORS LIKE INVINSOR WHOSE MAGIC SWORD DEFENDS THE WEAK AND HELPLESS AND FIGHTS IN THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE...
BUT NOW, AFTER LONG YEARS OF FIGHTING, INVINSOR GROWS WEARY. HIS TASKS ARE DONE, HIS STRENGTH AT AN END...
A BAND OF WANDERING PILGRIMS WITNESSES INVINSOR'S LAST MOMENTS...
HERE, GOOD PILGRIMS, TAKE MY SWORD--AND IN YOUR WANDERINGS, SEEK OUT A MAN OF STOUT HEART, STRONG ARMS AND BRAVE SPIRIT!
AND WHEN YOU FIND THIS VALIANT WARRIOR, GIVE HIM MY MAGIC SWORD--THAT HE MAY PROTECT OUR LAND AND PEOPLE AGAINST THEIR ENEMIES!
IT WILL BE DONE, MIGHTY INVINSOR!
AND THEN, BEFORE THEIR STARTLED EYES...
LOOK! INVINSOR AND HIS STEED! THEY HAVE TURNED TO STONE!
AND NOW HIS LEGEND WILL LIVE FOR ALL TIME!

FOR LONG DAYS THE PILGRIMS WANDERED ACROSS THE RAVAGED LAND...
GOOD GRANDFATHER, I AM WEARY! THIS SWORD GROWS HEAVY ON MY SHOULDER!
PATIENCE, MY SON! WE WILL REST WHEN WE FIND THE ONE WE SEEK!
AND THEN, ONE MORNING IN THE VILLAGE OF GOLDONIA...
GOOD MORNING, FRIEND! WE ARE WEARY TRAVELERS! COULD YOU GIVE US SOME WATER?
I'D SERVE YOU GLADLY, BUT I CANNOT MOVE FROM THIS CHAIR! COME IN AND DRINK YOUR FILL!
ILYA MUROMETS IS MY NAME! TELL ME, GOOD PILGRIMS, WHAT NEW EVILS AND WRONGS HAVE YOU SEEN AS YOU TRAVELED OUR BELOVED LAND?
EVERYWHERE THE CURSED TUGARS PLUNDER, ROB AND KILL!
OH, IF I ONLY HAD MY STRENGTH AGAIN! I COULD HELP DEFEND MY COUNTRY IN HER HOUR OF NEED!
GOOD FRIEND, YOU HAVE TREATED US KINDLY! I GIVE YOU THIS GIFT IN RETURN! THIS DEW FROM THE MAGIC GRASS--
THIS PRECIOUS LIQUID WILL RESTORE YOUR STRENGTH! DRINK ILYA! DRINK AND PRAY!
DOST THOU FEEL STRENGTH RETURNING?
YES! YES! EVEN NOW THE POWER IS RETURNING TO MY LIMBS!

THE MAGIC POTION HAS WROUGHT A MIRACLE...
HEAVEN BE THANKED! I AM WHOLE AGAIN! ONCE MORE I HAVE THE STRENGTH TO STAND LIKE A MAN AND FIGHT THE EVIL THAT RAVAGES MY HOMELAND!
MY SON, YOU ARE THE MAN FOR WHOM WE HAVE BEEN SEEKING!
HERE, THIS IS THE MAGIC SWORD OF THE MIGHTY INVINSOR. HE IS GONE FROM US, BUT NOW THERE IS ONE TO TAKE HIS PLACE!
GOOD PILGRIM, HOW CAN I THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR?
USE THE SWORD TO SMITE OUR ENEMIES--AND TO HELP THE FALLEN TO RISE!
THIS SWORD SHALL DRIVE OUT OUR FOES! AND FREE OUR LAND AND OUR PEOPLE!
IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOW, ILYA'S MIGHTY STRENGTH RETURNS IN FULL VIGOR...
AH, IT IS GOOD TO WORK THE FIELD WITH MY FATHER AGAIN-- TO ROOT UP STUMPS AND CAST AWAY THE ROCKS!
BUT SOON...
DEAR PARENTS, I CAN-NOT REST WHILE KALIN PLUNDERS AND DESTROYS OUR LAND! I MUST GO FORTH! MY COUNTRY NEEDS ME!
LOSING YOU IS A HEAVY BURDEN, ILYA! BUT YOU HAVE OUR BLESSING, MY SON!
AND SO ILYA MUROMETS LEAVES HIS NATIVE VILLAGE...

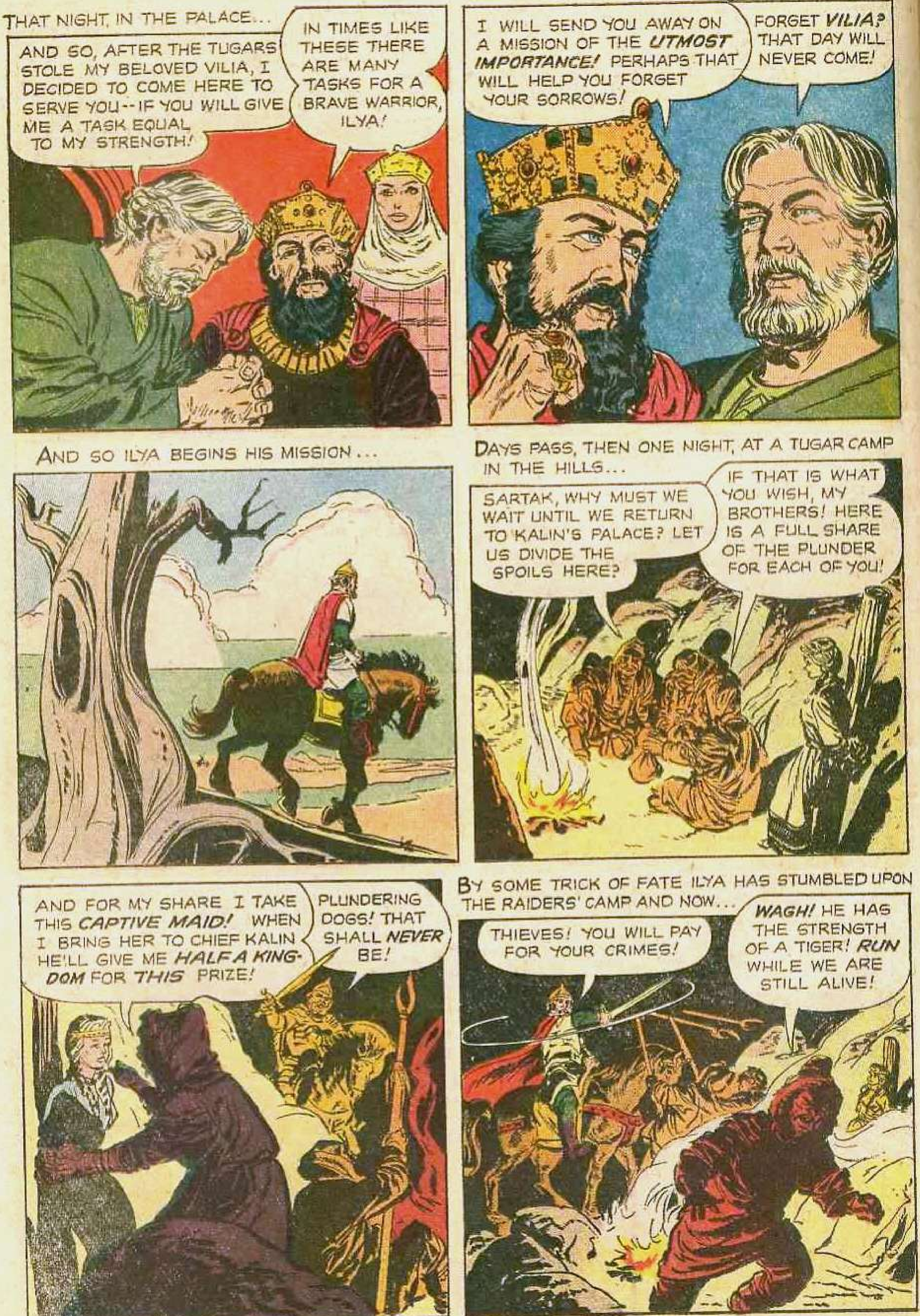
AT THE EDGE OF A DARK AND MENACING FOREST COMES A WEIRD WARNING...
FOLLOW THE RIGHT ROAD AND FIND RICHES! TAKE THE LEFT ROAD AND YOU WILL FIND A WIFE! BUT THE ROAD STRAIGHT AHEAD LEADS TO THE ENCHANTED FOREST--AND DEATH!
I TAKE NO JOY IN RICHES, NOR IS THIS THE TIME TO WOO A WIFE! SO I SHALL TAKE THE ROAD TO DEATH!
DEEP IN THE ENCHANTED FOREST, ANOTHER SPECTRAL FIGURE ARISES...
FOOL! DID YOU NOT HEAR THE WARNING? THIS WAY LIES THE WAY TO DEATH!
A DEMON!
AYE! I AM THE WIND-DEMON! YOU GO NO FURTHER ON THIS ROAD!
PHOO!
THIS WIND-DEMON HAS A MIGHTY WEAPON -- BUT SO HAVE I...
THE MAGIC SWORD OF INVINSOR!

THIS DEMON LOOKS LIKE A FAT OWL! I SHALL TAKE HIM TO PRINCE VANDA! HE WILL DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH THIS CREATURE!
DAYS LATER ILYA ARRIVES AT THE ROYAL PALACE IN THE MIDST OF A FEAST...
EXCUSE ME, WHICH ONE OF YOU IS PRINCE VANDA?
WHY DO YOU ASK FOR THE PRINCE, BUMPKIN? GO TO THE FOOT OF THE TABLE WITH THE PEASANTS!
LET THE STRANGER BE HEARD, ALEXI! PERHAPS HE HAS IMPORTANT NEWS FOR OUR PRINCE!
BAH! THIS GREAT BOOR ISN'T FIT TO COME INTO THE SAME HALL WITH A NOBLE!
YOU, A NOBLE? WHY YOU'RE BARELY STRONGER THAN A MILKMAID!
JUST THEN...
MAKE WAY FOR THE NOBLE MIKA-- WHO BEARS COSTLY GIFTS FOR OUR PRINCE!
GREETINGS, RADIANT ONE! I HAVE COLLECTED ALL TAXES AND TRIBUTES! THOUGH ATTACKED BY THE TUGARS, I DEFEATED THE MIGHTY SARTAK!
AND WHEN THE WIND-DEMON ATTACKED ME IN THE ENCHANTED FOREST, I CUT HIM TO RIBBONS!
HE LIES, MY PRINCE! HE NEVER SET EYES ON THE DEMON!

IT WAS I, ILYA MUROMETS, WHO CONQUERED THE WIND-DEMON! COME OUTSIDE AND I WILL SHOW HIM TO YOU ALL!
HERE HE IS, PRINCE VANDA, OUR UGLY LITTLE WIND-DEMON!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A HORRIBLE CREATURE! CAN HE REALLY CREATE THE WIND?
THE PRINCESS WISHES TO SEE YOU PERFORM! WHISTLE, YOU UGLY WIND-DEMON! BUT ONLY WITH HALF YOUR STRENGTH!
PHOO
BUT EVEN WITH HALF HIS STRENGTH, THE WIND-DEMON RELEASES A MIGHTY GALE...
THE WIND-DEMON! HE'LL BLOW THE PALACE DOWN OVER OUR HEAD!
STOP HIM! STOP HIM BEFORE HE BLOWS MY ROYAL CITY AWAY!
HOLD YOUR BREATH, SPAWN OF THE DEVIL!

YOU HAVE SERVED ME WELL BY CAPTURING THIS DEMON, ILYA! HERE, ACCEPT THIS RING AS A TOKEN OF MY GRATITUDE!
YOU HONOR ME, PRINCE VANDA!
AND AS THE WIND-DEMON IS DRAGGED OFF TO THE PALACE DUNGEON...
ILYA, YOU'RE A MAN AFTER MY OWN HEART! TAKE MY HAND!
ACCEPT ALEXI'S FRIENDSHIP, ILYA! HE IS A BRAVE AND COURAGEOUS SOLDIER! AND I, DURBAR, WOULD BE YOUR FRIEND, TOO!
JUST THEN--A TRUMPET SOUNDS...
TA-RAA
TA-RAA
BAD TIDINGS, YOUR HIGHNESS! AN EMISSARY FROM CHIEF KALIN!
FROM KALIN WHO LAID WASTE OUR LAND! WELL, LET US HEAR WHAT THIS ENVOY HAS TO SAY!
HEAR ME, PRINCE VANDA! THE MIGHTY CHIEF KALIN DEMANDS TRIBUTE FOR TWELVE YEARS--OR WE SHALL INVADE AND PLUNDER YOUR LAND!
WE WILL NEVER PAY TRIBUTE! WE ARE PREPARED TO RESIST!
RESISTANCE IS USELESS! I WILL MAKE YOU BOW TO THE WISHES OF OUR MIGHTY CHIEF KALIN!
YOUR BOASTING WORDS SHALL DIE IN YOUR THROAT, ENVOY OF KALIN!

ENOUGH OF YOUR INSOLENCE! YOUR HEAD SHALL BE THE FIRST!
LET IT BE SWORD FOR SWORD! BUT MINE IS THE MAGIC SWORD OF INVINSOR!
BACK TO YOUR MASTER, KALIN, ACCURSED DOGS!
TELL HIM WE WILL FIGHT AND DIE BEFORE WE PAY TRIBUTE!
AIEEEE!! RUN! RUN!
A VALIANT FIGHTER IS THIS ILYA MUROMETS! TAKE THIS LANCE! IT WAS FORGED FOR A MIGHTY WARRIOR LIKE YOU!
FOR YOUR GALLANTRY, I WILL FORGE YOU A COAT OF ARMOUR FINER THAN THE PRINCE'S OWN!
AND FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR PEOPLE -- TAKE THIS, MY SILKEN CLOAK!
HAIL ILYA!
THIS NEW HERO COULD BE DANGEROUS TO KALIN'S PLANS! I MUST GET RID OF HIM OR THE TUGAR CHIEF WILL HAVE MY HEAD!

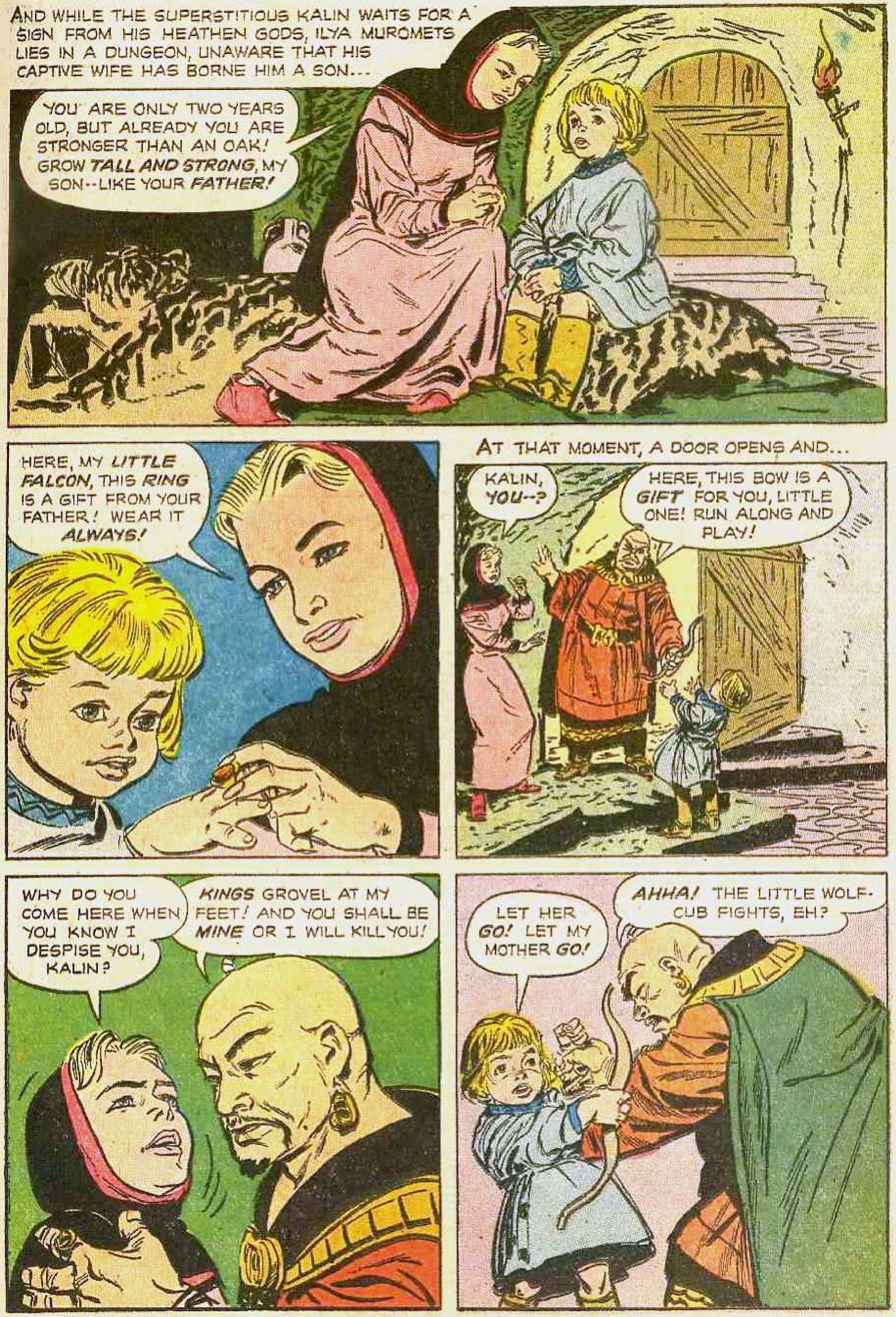

THAT NIGHT, IN THE PALACE...
AND SO, AFTER THE TUGARS STOLE MY BELOVED VILIA, I DECIDED TO COME HERE TO SERVE YOU--IF YOU WILL GIVE ME A TASK EQUAL TO MY STRENGTH!
IN TIMES LIKE THESE THERE ARE MANY TASKS FOR A BRAVE WARRIOR, ILYA!
I WILL SEND YOU AWAY ON A MISSION OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE! PERHAPS THAT WILL HELP YOU FORGET YOUR SORROWS!
FORGET VILIA? THAT DAY WILL NEVER COME!
AND SO ILYA BEGINS HIS MISSION...
DAYS PASS, THEN ONE NIGHT, AT A TUGAR CAMP IN THE HILLS...
SARTAK, WHY MUST WE WAIT UNTIL WE RETURN TO KALIN'S PALACE? LET US DIVIDE THE SPOILS HERE?
IF THAT IS WHAT YOU WISH, MY BROTHERS! HERE IS A FULL SHARE OF THE PLUNDER FOR EACH OF YOU!
AND FOR MY SHARE I TAKE THIS CAPTIVE MAID! WHEN I BRING HER TO CHIEF KALIN HE'LL GIVE ME HALF A KING-DOM FOR THIS PRIZE!
PLUNDERING DOGS! THAT SHALL NEVER BE!
BY SOME TRICK OF FATE ILYA HAS STUMBLED UPON THE RAIDERS' CAMP AND NOW...
THIEVES! YOU WILL PAY FOR YOUR CRIMES!
WAGH! HE HAS THE STRENGTH OF A TIGER! RUN WHILE WE ARE STILL ALIVE!

FEAR NO LONGER, LITTLE ONE! I WILL RELEASE YOU!
CAN THIS BE A DREAM...A VISION?
ILYA, DEAREST ONE! I NEVER DARED HOPE--
VILIA? YOU? FORTUNE SMILES ON ME AT LAST! NOTHING ON THIS EARTH WILL EVER TAKE YOU FROM ME AGAIN!
IN TRIUMPH ILYA BRINGS HIS BETROTHED BACK TO VANDA'S COURT--AND THERE THEY ARE WED...
THE MONTHS PASS SWIFTLY, HAPPILY! THEN ONE DAY...
WHAT IS THIS CLOTH YOU WEAVE, VILIA? IT GLITTERS SO BEAUTIFULLY AS IF IT WERE WOVEN FROM GOLD!
IT IS A MAGIC TABLECLOTH! I WEAVE IT AS A GIFT FOR THE ONE I LOVE BEST!
ILYA, I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOUR NEW MISSION! I SHALL BE LONELY WHEN YOU GO OFF TO FIGHT AGAINST THE TUGARS!
DON'T GRIEVE, MY DARLING! WHEN KALIN'S ARMIES ARE DEFEATED ONCE AND FOR ALL, I SHALL BE BACK!
THE TUGARS MAY ATTACK WHILE I'M GONE, SO I'VE ARRANGED FOR YOU TO JOIN A TRADE CARAVAN OF SHIPS WHICH THE PRINCE IS SENDING DOWN THE RIVER TO THE SEA!

THE NEXT DAY AS VILIA PREPARES TO DEPART...
IN THIS HOUR OF PARTING, TELL ME--WHAT IS YOUR HEART'S DEAREST WISH?
BEAR ME A SON, A STRONG, YOUNG WARRIOR! AND CALL HIM LITTLE FALCON!
AND IF FORTUNE SMILES AND A SON IS BORN TO US--GIVE HIM THIS RING--THE RING THAT WAS GIVEN TO ME BY PRINCE VANDA!
I KNOW OUR SON WILL HONOR AND CHERISH IT, ILYA!
BUT SHORT DAYS LATER THE TUGARS TRAP THE TRADING FLEET AND SWARM ABOARD...
SARTAK!
HERE SHE IS AGAIN--THE PRETTY ONE THAT I PROMISED FOR KALIN!
MONTHS LATER, THE LONE SURVIVOR OF THE ATTACK STUMBLES INTO THE OUTSKIRTS OF VANDA'S ROYAL CITY...
MATTHEW BRODOWA--THE CAPTAIN OF MY TRADING FLEET! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
WE WERE ATTACKED AND PLUNDERED BY THE TUGARS! ONLY I ESCAPED--AFTER MONTHS IN BONDAGE!
IN THAT MOMENT OF CRISIS AN EVIL VOICE WHISPERS AT VANDA'S EAR...
AND WHERE WAS ILYA WHEN THIS RAID TOOK PLACE, MY PRINCE? HE WAS ORDERED TO CLEAR YOUR LAND OF THE TUGARS!
YOU ARE RIGHT, MIKA! FOR THIS FAILURE, ILYA MUST BE BANISHED FROM MY COURT!

RETURNING TO THE PALACE, ILYA FINDS THE GATES BARRED AGAINST HIM...
YOU ARE NOT WANTED HERE, ILYA! THE PRINCE HAS ORDERED YOU BANISHED!
YOU ARE BEHIND THIS, MIKA! MY WIFE VILIA TOLD ME LONG AGO OF YOUR TREACHERY WHEN YOU WERE BOTH CAPTIVES OF SARTAK!
IF THE PRINCE DISOWNS ME, THEN I DO NOT WANT HIS GIFTS! AS I DRAG HIS CLOAK, SO WILL I DRAG THOSE TRAITORS WHO PLOTTED AGAINST ME!
HURRAY FOR ILYA MUROMETS!
ONCE MORE MIKA HURRIES TO THE PRINCE'S SIDE...
IT IS TRUE, PRINCE! HE TRAMPLED YOUR CLOAK IN THE MUD AND THREATENED TO DO LIKEWISE TO YOU, SIRE!
AND NOW THE PEOPLE CHEER HIM, EH? THIS ILYA WILL SET MY ENTIRE COURT INTO MUTINY UNLESS I STOP HIM!
OFF TO THE DUNGEON WITH THIS REBEL! PUT HIM ON BREAD AND WATER! PERHAPS THEN HE WILL LEARN HUMILITY!
IF I WILLED IT, I COULD CRUMPLE YOUR PALACE ABOUT YOUR EARS, MY PRINCE!
BUT THE HOUR WILL COME WHEN YOU WILL BOW TO ME, PRINCE VANDA! NOW LEAD ME AWAY, LACKEYS AND SCHEMERS! I AM WEARY OF THIS TALK!
FEED HIM WELL, MIKA! LOOK AFTER HIM! HE WILL REPENT!
AS YOU WISH, MY PRINCE!
HE'LL NEVER GET A CHANCE TO REPENT! I'LL SEE TO THAT!

THE LONG MONTHS PASS, THEN ONE SPRING DAY...
FEED ILYA WELL, HE SAID! HA! I HAVEN'T FED HIM A MORSEL IN MONTHS! THE POOR FOOL MUST HAVE PERISHED LONG AGO IN THAT DUNGEON!
THE FURTIVE TRAITOR SLIPS DOWN TO THE RIVER, AND THERE...
NOW THAT ILYA MUROMETS IS SAFELY OUT OF THE WAY, I MUST SEND KALIN THE SIGNAL I AGREED TO--THIS CLOAK PACKED IN A KEG!
SWIFT RIVER, CARRY MY MESSAGE TO KALIN! THE TIME TO ATTACK IS HERE!
DAYS LATER, IN THE PALACE OF THE TUGAR CHIEFTAIN...
IT IS HERE, LORD KALIN! OUR SPY'S SIGNAL! IT IS TIME TO ATTACK!
GOOD NEWS INDEED, SARTAK!
BUT BEFORE WE MARCH AGAINST VANDA'S ROYAL CITY, LET US HEAR WHAT MY SORCERORS HAVE TO SAY!
IT IS TRUE, LORD KALIN, VICTORY SHALL BE YOURS! BUT THE ATTACK MUST BE TIMED ACCORDING TO THE STARS! FOR THE PRESENT, THE OMENS ARE BAD!
YOU ARE RIGHT! WE MUST WAIT TILL THE GODS OF BATTLE TELL US TO ATTACK! WE WILL BIDE OUR TIME!


AND WHILE THE SUPERSTITIOUS KALIN WAITS FOR A SIGN FROM HIS HEATHEN GODS, ILYA MUROMETS LIES IN A DUNGEON, UNAWARE THAT HIS CAPTIVE WIFE HAS BORNE HIM A SON...
YOU ARE ONLY TWO YEARS OLD, BUT ALREADY YOU ARE STRONGER THAN AN OAK! GROW TALL AND STRONG, MY SON--LIKE YOUR FATHER!
HERE, MY LITTLE FALCON, THIS RING IS A GIFT FROM YOUR FATHER! WEAR IT ALWAYS!
AT THAT MOMENT, A DOOR OPENS AND...
KALIN, YOU--?
HERE, THIS BOW IS A GIFT FOR YOU, LITTLE ONE! RUN ALONG AND PLAY!
WHY DO YOU COME HERE WHEN YOU KNOW I DESPISE YOU, KALIN?
KINGS GROVEL AT MY FEET! AND YOU SHALL BE MINE OR I WILL KILL YOU!
LET HER GO! LET MY MOTHER GO!
AHHA! THE LITTLE WOLF-CUB FIGHTS, EH?

VERY WELL, I SHALL TEACH YOU HOW TO FIGHT-- AND YOUR ENEMY SHALL BE THE CURSED PRINCE VANDA!
THE ATTACK I PLANNED WILL WAIT-- FOR YEARS IF NECESSARY! AND WHEN IT COMES, THE TUGARS WILL BE LED BY YOUR SON! YOU WILL LIVE TO SEE HIM FIGHT HIS OWN PEOPLE!
THE LONG YEARS PASS. KALIN'S FEUD WITH VANDA SEEMS FORGOTTEN AS THE TUGAR CHIEF PREPARES LITTLE FALCON FOR A WARRIOR'S LIFE...
AND THEN ONE TRIUMPHANT DAY...
WELL DONE, LITTLE FALCON, WHOM I CALL MY SON! YOU HAVE UNHORSED OUR JOUSTING CHAMPION! THE CAP OF THE CHAMPION IS YOURS!
AND NOW THE TIME HAS COME TO ATTACK THE CITY OF PRINCE VANDA! AND THE LITTLE FALCON WILL RIDE AT MY SIDE! FOR-WARD, TUGARS!

WE ATTACK!
OH, IF I HAD A LANCE! HEAVEN FORGIVE ME-- I WOULD SLAY MY LITTLE FALCON BEFORE HE RAISED A SWORD AGAINST HIS OWN PEOPLE!
AND NOW THE TUGAR HORDES SWARM TOWARD THE CITY...
AT THE GATES OF THE ROYAL CITY, TUGAR MESSENGERS SHOUT KALIN'S DEMAND...
OUR CHIEF DEMANDS A TRIBUTE OF SEVEN HUNDRED CARTS FILLED WITH GOLD, PRINCE VANDA!
DELIVER THE GOLD AT OUR CAMP AT THE RIVER WITHIN THREE DAYS OR WE SACK YOUR CITY AND PUT YOUR PEOPLE TO THE SWORD!
WHICH OF YOUR NOBLES WILL YOU SEND TO FIGHT THE TUGARS, MY VANDA? OH, IF ILYA WERE ONLY HERE!
YOU ARE RIGHT, MY DEAR! ILYA WAS OUR COUNTRY'S SHIELD! I SHALL GO TO HIM IN HIS DUNGEON AND ASK HIS FORGIVENESS!
ER-- RADIANT PRINCE! ILYA MAY-- ER-- BE DEAD! YOU SEE, HE REFUSED FOOD AND DRINK!
WHY WAS I NOT TOLD OF THIS BEFORE, MIKA? WHY DID YOU KEEP THIS FROM ME?
OPEN THE DUNGEON AT ONCE! IF ILYA IS DEAD, YOU WILL PAY A BITTER PRICE, MY SLY ONE!

BUT AS THE CELL IS OPENED...
HEAVEN BE PRAISED! ILYA IS ALIVE! ALIVE!
OF COURSE HE IS! DID I NOT CARE FOR HIM FAITHFULLY AS THE PRINCE COMMANDED?
MIKA LIES, MY PRINCE! HE IS A TRAITOR! I WAS ABOUT TO WARN YOU OF HIS TREASON BUT INSTEAD I WAS THROWN INTO THIS DARK DUNGEON!
BUT IF MIKA GAVE YOU NO FOOD, HOW DID YOU SURVIVE FOR SO LONG?
IT WAS MY BELOVED VILIA WHO SAVED MY LIFE-- WITH THIS MAGIC TABLECLOTH SHE WOVE FOR ME!
AND BEFORE THEIR ASTONISHED EYES...
BEHOLD! WHENEVER I HUNGERED I HAD BUT TO PLUCK THE FRUIT AND EAT!
A MIRACLE! A MIRACLE!
AS THE TRAITOR MIKA IS DRAGGED OFF IN DISGRACE...
ILYA, I WRONGED YOU! HELP US AGAINST KALIN! HIS TUGAR HORDES ARE AT OUR GATE!
I WILL HELP--FOR THE SAKE OF MY BELOVED LAND! FOR HER I WILL GIVE MY STRENGTH AND MY LIFE!
AND NOW, PRINCE VANDA, YOUR FIRST TASK IS TO SUMMON ALL YOUR FIGHTING MEN TO YOUR SIDE!
WITHIN THREE DAYS, I WILL HAVE EVERY WARRIOR IN THE LAND HERE AT THE ROYAL CITY, ILYA!

BUT THE PLAINS SWARM WITH KALIN'S MEN. VANDA'S WARRIORS ARE DELAYED IN BATTLE...
THE PRINCE GAVE US THREE DAYS! WE'LL NEVER BE THERE ON TIME, DURBAR!
WE MUST, ALEXI! WE MUST RALLY TO ILYA'S SIDE!
AND ON THE CASTLE WALLS...
THREE DAYS HAVE PASSED, ILYA! SOON THE TUGARS WILL ATTACK AND STILL NO SIGN OF MY MEN!
I, MYSELF, WILL GO TO KALIN AND ASK FOR THREE DAYS MORE TIME!
WE HAVE NO CHOICE! FILL NEW SACKS WITH OUR GOLD AND JEWELS AND LOAD THEM INTO GILDED CARTS!
NO, MY PRINCE! WE WILL USE TORN SACKS, OLD CARTS AND ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF OUR GOLD! I HAVE A PLAN!
TOWARD EVENING, AT THE CITY GATES...
REMEMBER, YOU DROP A SILVER COIN EVERY TEN PACES! AND YOU DROP A GOLD COIN EVERY HUNDRED PACES! AND YOU, AT EVERY THOUSAND PACES, A PEARL!
WE UNDERSTAND!
LATER ILYA ARRIVES AT THE TUGAR CAMP, DISGUISED AS AN ENVOY...
MIGHTY CHIEF KALIN, I AM HERE WITH PRINCE VANDA'S TREASURE--GOLD, SILVER AND JEWELS!
UNLOAD THOSE CARTS AND LET ME SEE THE TREASURE!

THE SACKS ARE TORN AND EMPTY, LORD KALIN!
A PITY! I THINK I KNOW HOW THAT HAPPENED! THE PRINCE HAD ONLY THESE WORN SACKS IN WHICH TO LOAD THE TREASURE!
THE GOLD AND JEWELS MUST HAVE SPILLED OUT ON THE WAY! WILL YOU SEND YOUR MEN BACK FOR IT? I FEAR MY MEN ARE NOT TOO TRUSTWORTHY!
VERY WELL, MY MEN WILL GO!
BUT IF THERE IS NO TREASURE, DEATH WILL BE SWIFT FOR YOU, EMISSARY!
SEND OUT YOUR MEN, KALIN! BY NIGHTFALL, THEY WILL RETURN WITH FULL POCKETS!
IN THE GATHERING DUSK THE TUGARS SWARM ACROSS THE PLAINS, SEARCHING FOR THE LOST TREASURE...
LORD KALIN IS RICH! HE WILL NOT MISS THIS GOLD COIN!
OR THIS SILVER NECKLACE!
BUT AFTER NIGHTFALL WHEN THE SEARCHERS RETURN TO KALIN'S CAMP..
OUR MEN SEARCHED FOR HOURS, MIGHTY CHIEF! BUT WE FOUND NOT A SINGLE PIECE OF GOLD!
THEN VANDA'S EMISSARY DIES LIKE A DOG!
ILYA SUSPECTS TRICKERY...
DO NOT ACT IN HASTE, KALIN! FIRST TAKE THE TREASURES THAT ARE YOURS!
EEYAH!
GOLD AND JEWELS-- HIDDEN IN HIS GARMENTS!

WHO STEALS FROM KALIN WILL DIE BY MY OWN SWORD!
EEEYAHH!!
COME FORWARD, CHIEF WARRIORS! TELL YOUR MEN TO DROP EVERY COIN AND EVERY JEWEL HERE AT MY FEET!
IT WILL BE DONE, MY LORD!
FEARFUL OF KALIN'S WRATH, HIS WARRIORS HEAP THE LOOT OF MONTHS BEFORE HIM...
EMPTY YOUR POCKETS, MY BROTHER! IT COULD MEAN YOUR LIFE TO WITHHOLD A SINGLE GOLD PIECE!
PRINCE VANDA'S CITY WILL REPAY US A THOUSAND FOLD FOR THIS!
AND THE TREASURE GROWS TO A MOUNTAINOUS HEAP...
AHA! SO YOU WOULD TRY TO STEAL FROM CHIEF KALIN, EH?
YOU SEE, CHIEF KALIN, WHAT GREAT RICHES YOU HAVE NOW!
IT IS NOT ENOUGH! IF YOU WANT TO MAKE ME CONTENT, BRING ME ILYA MUROMETS! THEN I WILL RETREAT FROM YOUR CITY GATES!
THEN BEHOLD! ILYA MUROMETS STANDS BEFORE YOU! NOW WITHDRAW YOUR MEN! YOU ARE BOUND BY THE PROMISE YOU MADE TO RETREAT!
SO YOU WOULD MAKE A FOOL OF ME, EH?

FOR THE COURAGE YOU'VE SHOWN, I'LL PARDON YOU! BUT YOU SHALL SERVE ME! YOU SHALL BE ONE OF US!
AND BETRAY MY NATIVE LAND? NEVER!
SEIZE HIM! DRAG HIM TO ME AND I SHALL DEAL WITH HIM!
BUT NOT EVEN THE TUGAR ARMY CAN HOLD ILYA...
EEEYAH! YIIII!!
AFTER HIM, MEN! I WANT HIM BACK ALIVE!
BUT ILYA MAKES GOOD HIS ESCAPE! THEN AT DAWN, COMES MORE BAD NEWS...
AHHA!
EVIL TIDINGS, KALIN! YOUR ALLIES HEARD THAT ILYA MUROMETS HAS BEEN FREED! THEY REFUSE TO JOIN IN THE ATTACK ON PRINCE VANDA'S CITY!
THEN YOU MUST GO FIGHT ILYA MUROMETS IN SINGLE COMBAT, LITTLE FALCON, WHOM I CALL MY SON!
WILLINGLY, CHIEF KALIN!

REMEMBER, IF YOU CAN DEFEAT ILYA MUROMETS, RESISTANCE WILL COLLAPSE AND THE CITY WILL BE MINE!
MY SWORD WILL DESTROY HIM, CHIEF KALIN!
BEFORE THE ROYAL CITY...
YOUR MISSION WAS NOT IN VAIN, ILYA! IT GAVE US TIME TO ASSEMBLE OUR WARRIORS! EVEN ALEXI AND DURBAR ARE HERE TO JOIN US!
WITH WARRIORS SUCH AS THESE TO FIGHT BESIDE US, KALIN SHALL GO DOWN IN DEFEAT!
SUDDENLY, A TUGAR RIDER!
HO, YOU TREMBLING HERD OF SHEEP! SEND OUT YOUR CHAMPION, ILYA MUROMETS, TO MEET ME IN SINGLE COMBAT!
CEASE YOUR SHOUTING, YOU YOUNG BRAG-GART! I AM READY TO MEET YOU IN BATTLE!
GO HOME, OLD MAN! YOU ARE NO MATCH FOR ME!
YOUNG MAN, YOU MUST FIRST KILL A FALCON BEFORE YOU BIND HIM!
I WILL NOT DISGRACE MYSELF BY SMITING THE FALLEN! UP, YOUNG BRAGGART! LET US MATCH OUR STRENGTH!
THE MIGHTY STRENGTH OF EACH CHAMPION DRIVES THE OTHER KNEE-DEEP INTO THE EARTH...
YOUR STRENGTH IS GREAT FOR A STRIPLING!
IT WILL BE MORE THAN A MATCH FOR YOU, OLD MAN!

IN A CLEVER MOVE, THE TUGAR CHAMPION TRIPS HIS OPPONENT...
YOU SHOULD HAVE KILLED ME WHEN YOU HAD THE CHANCE, OLD MAN! NOW I SHALL SHOW YOU NO MERCY!
BUT ILYA'S MIGHTY GRIP DISARMS THE TUGAR...
BE NOT SO FIERY, MY WILD UNBROKEN STEED!
WAIT! THAT RING!
TELL ME YOUR NAME! WHAT DO THEY CALL YOU? WHO ARE YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER?
I HAVE NO MOTHER! I'VE NEVER SEEN HER! I AM THE SON OF KALIN!
WHAT YOU SAY IS NOT TRUE, LAD! YOU ARE MY SON! SEE THERE! THAT IS MY RING ON YOUR FINGER!
DO YOU SPEAK THE TRUTH, OLD MAN?
YES, YOU SPEAK TRULY! IT IS AS IF I SEE A VISION -- MY MOTHER GIVING ME THE RING!
FATHER, I HAVE SINNED AGAINST YOU! NOW I WISH TO ATONE! I WILL SERVE PRINCE VANDA WITH ALL MY POWER!
NO, MY SON! FIRST YOU MUST GO BACK TO FIND YOUR MOTHER! YOU WILL KNOW HER BY A SCAR ON HER CHEEK-FROM A TUGAR SWORD!

I UNDERSTAND, FATHER! AND NOW WE MUST PRETEND TO FIGHT! KALIN AND HIS MEN ARE WATCHING! FIGHT ME, FATHER, WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH!
HE HAS STRUCK DOWN OUR CHAMPION, LITTLE FALCON!
WE WAIT NO LONGER! ORDER THE MEN TO ATTACK THE CITY! SPARE NO ONE!
BUT AS KALIN LEAVES FOR CAMP, A LITHE FIGURE RACES AWAY FROM THE SCENE OF BATTLE...
BUT SOON THE TUGAR ARMIES ARE ON THE MARCH...
ATTACK!
ATTACK!

ALEXI, TAKE THE RIGHT FLANK, DURBAR, THE LEFT! I WILL LEAD THE ATTACK THROUGH THE CENTER!
SOON THE TUGAR ATTACK BREAKS THROUGH THE CENTER...
HAIL TO PRINCE VANDA!
IT IS TIME TO USE OUR SECRET WEAPON! LAUNCH THE LAND-SHIPS! HOIST THE SAILS!
I WISH TO SEE THE STRENGTH OF THE ENEMY! QUICKLY, DOGS! FORM A MOUNTAIN OF MEN FOR ME!
AT THE ORDER OF THE TERRIBLE KALIN, THE TUGARS FORM A TOWERING HILL OF BODIES...
RALLY TO MY SIDE, WARRIORS!
ARCHER, CAN YOUR ARROWS REACH THE TUGAR CHIEF?
AYE, PRINCE VANDA, IF MY AIM IS STRAIGHT!

WHOOOSH!
IT IS TIME TO USE OUR FINAL WEAPON! GIVE ORDERS TO RELEASE ZUMA--THE FIRE DRAGON--FROM THE CAVE BENEATH MY PALACE!
VANDA'S CITY WILL SOON BE SMOKE AND ASHES!
MEANWHILE LITTLE FALCON HAS FOUGHT HIS WAY INTO THE DUNGEONS OF KALIN'S PALACE...
FEAR NOT, GOOD FRIENDS! YOU ARE FREE! FREE TO RETURN HOME! THOSE WHO HAVE THE STRENGTH, FIGHT AGAINST KALIN!
THEN, IN AN INNER CHAMBER...
MY MOTHER! HAS ANYONE SEEN MY MOTHER? THERE IS A SMALL SCAR ON HER RIGHT CHEEK MADE BY A TUGAR SWORD!
IT IS MY SON, LITTLE FALCON--HE WHO FOUGHT AGAINST HIS OWN PEOPLE! I CANNOT ACKNOWLEDGE HIM AS MY SON!
BUT LITTLE FALCON NOTICES VILIA'S ATTEMPT TO HIDE HER SCAR, AND...
MOTHER, FORGIVE ME! DO NOT SEND ME AWAY! I COME FROM MY FATHER! HE HAS SENT ME TO RESCUE YOU!
LITTLE FALCON, MY SON!
LITTLE FALCON LEADS HIS MOTHER THROUGH A SECRET PASSAGE. BUT THERE...
THE FIRE DRAGON! THEY HAVE RELEASED ZUMA! VANDA'S CITY WILL BE DESTROYED!

MOTHER, ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN FIND YOUR WAY HOME ALONE?
HEAVEN WILL PROTECT ME, MY SON! I WILL BE SAFE! HURRY!
SOON, ON THE WALLS OF VANDA'S CASTLE...
THE FIRE DRAGON! ARCHER, LAUNCH YOUR ARROW! IT IS OUR ONLY CHANCE!
THE ARROW STRUCK HOME! NOW OUR NIGHTINGALE WILL SING A DIFFERENT TUNE!
BUT AS THE FEARSOME ZUMA FALLS TO THE EARTH...
ILYA! OUR LAND-SHIPS! THE DRAGON'S FIERY BREATH IS DESTROYING THEM!
THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP HIM! MY MAGIC SWORD!
JUST THEN...
FATHER, WAIT! WE WILL ATTACK THE DRAGON TOGETHER!
LITTLE FALCON, MY SON! COME, YOU ARE WELCOME TO FIGHT BESIDE ME, LAD!

AND SO MIGHTY FATHER AND VALIANT SON CHARGE INTO THE FIERY FRAY TOGETHER...
LET YOUR SWORD STRIKE HOME, LITTLE FALCON!
MAY YOUR COURAGE INSPIRE ME, MY FATHER!
THE MONSTER'S BREATH IS LIKE AN OVEN! WATER, MEN -- WATER TO COOL OUR ARMOUR!
AND NOW ONE LAST BLOW FOR OUR LAND AND OUR PEOPLE!
AND AS THE DRAGON IS SLAIN...
THE FIRE DRAGON IS DEAD! DRIVE THE TUGARS INTO THE SEA!
AND AS THE TUGAR HORDES RETREAT IN PANIC...
SPARE ME! SPARE A FEW TUGARS FROM THE SWORD THAT OUR TRIBE MAY NOT VANISH FROM THE EARTH!
IT IS KALIN! STUFF THE COWARD INTO A SACK AND CARRY HIM TO OUR PALACE!

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